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Texas Court of Inquiry-Second interview with Dean R.G.Storey at his SMY office-display, Dallas, p.m. 12/2/71. Storey Bldg., 3315 Daniels, rear 1st floor, thru first big doors to left. Mrs. Cullum sec., sick, Mrs, Blakely there instead. Ext 6313.

First impression on glancing at large, double glass-doored display is that it is nothing, that these eminent old ladies of indubitable competence were given a few paper dolls to play with, but none with meat and bones. It consists of the 26, or some of them opened and upright, a paperback Rush to Judgement, the Butler Oswald record (red jacket), and a few bound files, carefully labelled. These are:

Marguerite Oswald V. King Candy Co.; Investigation of Operational Security Involving the Transfer of Lee Harvey Oswald 11/14/63; Dallas Police Reports; Photographs Oswald Shooting in Basement; Photographs J.D.Tippit Area of Shooting and Location Oswald Arrested; Evidence; Lee Harvey Oswald; Transcript Dallas Police Radio Transmissions; Photographs Persons Appearing With Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas Police Identification"Line-Ups"; Photographs Oswald's Property; Officer J.D.Tippit; Edwin A. Walker File (Dallas Police Department); Photographs Trade Mart Aeriel View Trade Mart Floor Plans; Investigation of the Assassination of the President Kennedy, John Fitzgerald, Assassination, 11/24/63;12:31 p.m. (note-this is sheriff's material, about 1" thick); Photographs Aerial View Downtown Oak Cliff Sections Dallas Showing Oswald's Known and Probable Routes; Photographs Exterior and Exterior of Texas Depository Building Reconstruction; Investigation of Assassination of the President, Dallas Police Department pp. 438-72 has Fritz-Curry 12/23/63 statement referred to Wade notes. 475 Vicki Adams'.

As with Wade, these people understand that Mary is my secretary, on this work in Dallas, that she is a legal secretary (they have both phones), and that when she has the time she will be contacting both to do that for which I did not have time for me.

X Dean Storey indicated he would check and see if he had personal notes. His recollection of the 1/24 meeting is somewhat indistinct, but is shapp on the fact that there was a steno present. Henry is sure Rankin was not there when the Texans arrived, but they went into the office anyway and were greeted by a woman that after he thought it over, he decided must be the same one who make the notes. He is certain there was a steno taking notes and Storey is certain they were told notes would be kept. Wade seems to think they were also told it would not be a published hearing. I would hope Mary can find it possible to remind both they were to see if they have personal notes. If Henry has none outside his office files I saw he made none or they are smothered in that mass. Storey may have his elsewhere, but if he believed a record was being made, he may have made none.

Among the files that from their cover titles may hold more promise of including what we havn't found in the Archives are Dallas Police Reports (the Library Congress file is missing almost all those marked "indexed" and the Archives files are missing some of what I have seen here); Evidence; the sheriff's material (where something withheld may be);for Walker material that file)aside: Henry had pictures of a re-enactment of the Oswald shooting with a remarkable LHO look-alike).

In the long run, preservation of a friendly relationship may be the most important part of these contacts. With neither did I disguise my beliefs and the reasons. Storey seemed to reflect the efforts made to con them. He was, for example, impressed by the feds bringing two diplomats back, one from Latin America, the other from Japan. He seemed to think that LHO had made two visits to the embassy to renounce his citizenship. It became clear that he was under a misapprehension about the Connally letter, thinking it was one. I explained it, with emphasis on the ignored last part and what it could mean, especially in conjunction with the editing of the New Orleans tape (a la O in NO).

Storey was, personally, very friendly, even offering me a ride from his office in the rain Wed. He took time from both his lives, without prior arrangements, first in his law office where he spends morning and then at SMY, where he is PMs.

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